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VIA BLACK PATCH

July 28, 1975

TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT 

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1. I discussed with the President your reservations about Frank

Lindsay as Chairman of PFIAB. The President was quite relaxed about it all, said that of course we could wait until you got back to discuss it further, and remarked that there was no reason that Lindsay had to be Chairman. I told him you had no reservations at all about his being a member. You thought very highly of him and your concern was about the pressures he would be under were he to become Chairman. The ~~other~~ members of the Board tentatively decided upon are:

General Meyer  
 Les Arends  
 Robert Six (questionable)  
 Bill Baker  
 Johnny Foster  
 Ed Land  
 Ed Teller  
 Leo Cherne  
 George Shultz  
 Lane Kirkland  
 Bob Galvin  
 Franklin Lindsay  
 Clare Boothe Luce  
 Harold Brown  
 John Connally

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2. The President also said he was seriously thinking of Edward Bennett Williams for CIA. He has asked Rod Hills to investigate quietly into his

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background to see if there might be some problems about which we are unaware. He asked what you thought about the Williams idea and I <sup>earlier</sup> said that your reaction had been positive. If you have any further thoughts, it would probably be a good idea ~~for me~~ to pass them on. The President is not at a decision point yet, but it seems to me he is clearly heading toward Williams at the moment. All in all, it seems to me a rather imaginative idea.

3. In connection with the CIA appointment, the President asked if we could look around to see if there was an Embassy we could give to Colby. He said he did not know what he wanted to do with him but that was one possibility. I pointed out that ~~Colby~~ <sup>Colby</sup> I was sure <sup>Colby</sup> was eligible for retirement, but he said that he thought we should do something more than simply turning him out.

4. The President asked if you had gotten to Caneel all right and said he hoped that you would really relax.

5. If you do have an urge to do some work over the weekend -- and I am not asking that you do so -- would you look at the nuclear weapons deployment paper. The DOD authorization to deploy nuclear weapons runs out on July 1. It is no real problem, however, because if we do not have approval of the new authorization by then, I will simply send out a brief directive authorizing continuation of the current deployment pending the new authorization.

6. Warm regards.

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TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER  
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

1. I DISCUSSED WITH THE PRESIDENT YOUR RESERVATIONS ABOUT FRANK LINDSAY AS CHAIRMAN OF PFIAB. THE PRESIDENT WAS QUITE RELAXED ABOUT IT ALL, SAID THAT OF COURSE HE COULD WAIT UNTIL YOU GOT BACK TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER, AND REMARKED THAT THERE WAS NO REASON THAT LINDSAY HAD TO BE CHAIRMAN. I TOLD HIM YOU HAD NO RESERVATIONS AT ALL ABOUT HIS BEING A MEMBER. YOU THOUGHT VERY HIGHLY OF HIM AND YOUR CONCERN WAS ABOUT THE PRESSURES HE WOULD BE UNDER WERE HE TO BECOME CHAIRMAN. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TENTATIVELY DECIDED UPON ARE:

GENERAL MEYER  
LES AREND  
ROBERT SIX (QUESTIONABLE)  
BILL BAKER  
JOHNNY POSTER  
ED LAND  
ED TELLER  
LEO CHERNE  
GEORGE SHULTZ  
LANE KIRKLAND  
BOB GALVIN  
FRANKLIN LINDSAY  
CLARE BOOTHE LUCE

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HAROLD BROWN  
JOHN CONNALLY

2. THE PRESIDENT ALSO SAID HE WAS SERIOUSLY THINKING OF EDWARD BENNETT WILLIAMS FOR CIA. HE HAS ASKED ROD HILLS TO INVESTIGATE QUIETLY INTO HIS BACKGROUND TO SEE IF THERE MIGHT BE SOME PROBLEMS ABOUT WHICH HE ARE UNAWARE. HE ASKED WHAT YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THE WILLIAMS IDEA AND I SAID THAT YOUR EARLIER REACTION HAD BEEN POSITIVE. IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE A GOOD IDEA TO PASS THEM ON. THE PRESIDENT IS NOT AT A DECISION POINT YET, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME HE IS CLEARLY HEADING TOWARD WILLIAMS AT THE MOMENT. ALL IN ALL, IT SEEMS TO ME A RATHER IMAGINATIVE IDEA.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THE CIA APPOINTMENT, THE PRESIDENT ASKED IF WE COULD LOOK AROUND TO SEE IF THERE WAS AN EMBASSY WE COULD GIVE TO COLBY. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT HE WANTED TO DO WITH HIM BUT THAT WAS ONE POSSIBILITY. I POINTED OUT THAT I WAS SURE COLBY WAS ELIGIBLE FOR RETIREMENT, BUT HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT HE SHOULD DO SOMETHING MORE THAN SIMPLY TURNING HIM OUT.

4. THE PRESIDENT ASKED IF YOU HAD GOTTEN TO CANEEL ALL RIGHT AND SAID HE HOPED THAT YOU WOULD REALLY RELAX.

5. IF YOU DO HAVE AN URGE TO DO SOME WORK THE WEEKEND--AND I AM NOT ASKING THAT YOU DO SO--WOULD YOU LOOK AT THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPLOYMENT PAPER. THE DOD AUTHORIZATION TO DEPLOY NUCLEAR WEAPONS RUNS OUT ON JULY 1. IT IS NO REAL PROBLEM, HOWEVER, BECAUSE IF WE DO NOT HAVE APPROVAL OF THE NEW AUTHORIZATION BY THEN, I WILL SIMPLY SEND OUT A BRIEF DIRECTIVE AUTHORIZING CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT DEPLOYMENT PENDING THE NEW AUTHORIZATION.

6. WARM REGARDS,  
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